

DECLARATION FOR UTILITY PATENT APPLICATION

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I believe I am the original, first and sole inventor of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled: HYDROLYSABLE HYDROGELS FOR CONTROLLED RELEASE, the specification of which is attached hereto unless the following box is checked:

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I acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to the patentability as defined in 37 C.F.R. § 1.56.

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